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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: *National Water Program FY 2007 Mid-Year Performance Report*

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TO: Office Directors, Office of Water
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I am pleased to provide you with the *National Water Program 2007 Mid-Year Performance Report*. The report describes the progress we made in FY 2007 (i.e., through March 2007) toward the goals and objectives described in the *EPA Strategic Plan*. It can also be found on the Internet at (www.epa.gov/water/waterplan).

This *Report* is based on materials and analysis developed for the mid-year DAA briefings by Subobjective Implementation Workgroups addressing each of the key subobjectives in the *EPA Strategic Plan* related to the National Water Program. The Report includes two major elements:

- performance highlights and management challenges for each subobjective; and
- an Appendix including regional data breakouts in the FY 07 Mid-Year slides.

In general terms, water program implementation during FY 2007 is strong and consistent across the EPA Regional office water programs. EPA and States are making progress toward more effective integration of programs and are expanding efforts to coordinate our work with that of other agencies implementing related programs. Despite overall performance that looks to be on track for 2007, I remain concerned about the lack of mid-year data provided for a majority of key measures. At mid-year 2008, I hope to see data provided for all of our measures. Programs where data cannot be provided at mid-year need to consider developing measures that would allow for performance data to be reported throughout the fiscal year. This will allow for a complete and accurate analysis of our performance, to be followed with meaningful recommendations that can improve current performance.

I want to thank the water program managers and staff who supported this performance assessment through the development of mid-year data and the organization and presentation of subobjective reviews. I am pleased with our progress to date and look forward to meeting all of our end-of-year commitments for FY 2007.